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SUBJECT: DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BAGHDAD 0384

1. FOLLOWING IS IN REPLY TO THE TWO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF-
TEL.

2. FIRST, SINCE IRAQ HAS MOST FAVORED NATION (MFN) STATUS,
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IT WILL RECEIVE THE TRADE CONCESSIONS GRANTED TO COUNTRIES
WHICH EXPORT THE SAME PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES.
NEVERTHELESS, ALL MFN COUNTRIES ULTIMATELY WILL BENEFIT
FROM THE MTN; AND, THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL SHOULD
PARTICIPATE TO AS GREAT AN EXTENT AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE UNITED STATES IS NOT OFFERING TO NEGOTIATE IN THE

MTN AN EXPANSION OF ITS GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP). AS A RESULT OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS NEGOTIATED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE MTN, SOME LDC BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES MAY FIND THEIR MARGINS OF PREFERENCES NARROWED ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS CURRENTLY ON THE GSP LIST. HOWEVER, GSP PRODUCTS ARE NOT BOUND, AND THE LDC'S WILL BENEFIT FROM OUR MTN TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON GSP ITEMS. IN ADDITION, OTHER FORMS

OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR THE LDCS ARE BEING NEGOTIATED BY THE UNITED STATES IN GENEVA. IRAQ WILL HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MTN TO HAVE ITS INTERESTS IN THIS CONTEXT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED STATES. VANCE

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